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LIFETIME OF THE NEWS

IN THE MORNING TIMES.

If you miss any news in the evening edition look in the list below. What you're looking for was probably published in this morning's edition, and as The Times never repeats, you'll have to take both editions to get all the news as quick as it happens.

FOR DISTRICT SUFFRAGE—Democratic Central Committee Suggests a Change.

TO MARCH ON WASHINGTON—Pennsylvania Veterans to Double Their Steps of Year Ago.

MARYLAND IS ALL YELLOW—Baltimore in Convulsion Awaiting Gold Standard Resolution.

SIX SEAMEN WERE DROWNED—British Ship Baltimore Capsized in San Francisco Bay.

DEAD AND UNIDENTIFIED—Unknown Man Found Stricken on the Street.

FIREBURN AT SAVANNAH—Police Frenzied by Attempts to Burn Buildings.

NOT A PENNY DIFFERENCE—District Bill Passed by the House Unanimously.

BACK TO THE DAYS OF '65—Veterans Celebrate the Anniversary April 9th of Appomattox.

FIG CHASE ON THE AVENUE—Newsboys and a Porter Made Things Lively.

ALEXANDRIA'S CASE WON—Aurora Must Issue Warrants for the Jail Coat.

GRIST OF PRIVATE BILLS—Senate Got to Work and Passed Eighty of Them.

SCIENCE ON HIS BIRTHDAY—Quint Incident Connected with the Death of Henry S. Fitch.

INFANTRY CLUB SCORED—Made Four Runs Out of a Total of Thirty-Two.

OUTLAW ARE CONFIDENT—Howe & Hummel Said to Have Been Released by Them.

MEMPHIS RACES BEGIN—First Day's Sport Well Attended but Disappointing.

RACING WON FIRST HEAT—District Committee Favorably Reports Race Commission Bill.

FOR RECIPROCAL TRADE—Ways and Means Subcommittee Has a Substitute Bill.

STILL SILENT AS TO CURA—President Gives No Intimation Regarding His Course.

PINK COATSPRINT FAVOR—Brilliant Outfit at the Chevy Chase Club.

CAPITAL CHI PRIS FINED—Distinguished Resident Members of the College Society Celebrate.

NEW WOMEN MEET IN PARIS—International Congress Begins Its Deliberations.

TRUESDELL'S LIGHT PLANT—How the Term of the Potomac Company Was Originally Formed.

WAS CAUGHT IN THE ACT—Thump Attempted to Escape from Alexandria Station House.

BOARD'S DECISION FINAL—Bar License Again Denied to West Washington Hotel.

MATTHEWS IS NOT GUILTY—First of the O'Meara Trial Results in an Acquittal.

HAD HIS CLOTHES DYED—"Slitting Bull" Anderson Arrested in the Hill Murder Case.

Concerning Matrimonial Relations.

A New Jersey judge has rendered a decision which, if it establishes a precedent, may cause serious trouble in the domestic relations of husbands and wives, not only in the State of New Jersey, but in all the States of the Union. The case is this: A wife applied for a divorce on the ground that her husband had beaten her. On the trial of the case it was shown that she had given great provocation, and the judge held that "a wife is not entitled to a divorce because of verbal and physical actions on the part of the husband, if such counter actions are not disproportionate to the provocation."

The trouble comes in on the construction of the action of the judge. When will the wife's action be "not disproportionate to the provocation"? Now, what constitutes a provocation for one man is regarded as a mere trifle by another, and where one would pass by with a laugh the other might retaliate with a blow. Again, how far may a wife go, with "more or less violent verbal abuse," before the husband is justified in resorting to such actions as will be regarded as "not disproportionate to the provocation?"

Under the old English law a husband had the right to administer a certain amount of corporal punishment to the wife of his bosom. In the United States, however, the prejudice against such exercise of conjugal authority is very strong, and the New Jersey judge's reassertion of the husband's prerogative is the only judicial delivery of that sort that has come under our notice.

That is what makes it so perplexing. Perhaps the august judges of the District courts may some time grapple the question. Meanwhile, all husbands will do well not to place too great a reliance upon the soundness of Jersey justice and be careful that their counter actions are "not disproportionate to the provocation."

General Miles and His Promotion.

The action of the House Committee on Military Affairs in reporting the bill reviving the rank of lieutenant general in order to bestow it upon Major General Nelson A. Miles was taken in response to a decisive expression of public approval of such a step, and the promotion in store for the commanding officer of the army, therefore, will receive very general approval. Apart from all personal considerations, it is proper that there should be a distinctive rank and title for the general commanding the United States Army. It is a distinction that not only honors him, but also the organization he has under his direction, and the committee deems the rank of lieutenant general the most appropriate.

So far as Gen. Miles' claims to the promotion are concerned, they would seem to be as complete as need be. He has a most distinguished record as a gallant soldier in battle, a record made not only during the civil war, but in many Indian campaigns, and he has likewise distinguished himself in the administration of the military departments committed to his care at different times since the close of the war. His patriotism is as unquestioned as his ability.

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HEARD BY THE
LUNGER

"I heard a car come down to the water last evening," said an average business man, "a tiny and gentlemanly fellow. Both I noticed were handsomely dressed. That was as far as my observation extended at that time. When we reached the car we both sat down on the seats."

"Two ladies were seated immediately opposite me. Presently both of them began to sniff the air a little. Then they sniffed. There was something displeasing to their nostrils in the car. Next they looked at each other and then both started at me again. I began to grow nervous."

"After twitching about in my seat for a while, I looked in the direction of the lady and gentleman who had boarded the car with me. The former sat nearest me. She was attired in a costume of light silk, heavily trimmed in rich lace. A fur-lined cloak kept out the cold. She wore long white gloves, and it was very evident that she, too, was going to the theater. Three or four heavy rings, well set with stones, decorated her hands, and two rather gaudy diamonds sparkled in her ears."

"While I was looking at her she turned her head toward me. Such an odor of onions as I caught never emanated from a German kitchen. The ladies across the aisle looked at me again. I was fastidiously so, I got up and left the car. The handsomely dressed lady and gentleman of onions was left behind, and I must have been vindicated."

"You are doubtless aware that Chauncey M. Depew is thinking very much of adopting a Senatorial larder, are you not?" queried James A. M. Halford, a cutlery manufacturer of Syracuse, N. Y., as he lighted his cigar in the room of the National Hotel last evening.

"Well, he is, or probably better say, Man-ager. Well, so is thinking. It is now acknowledged that the election of Depew to the Senate is part of the program that has been marked out by Mr. Platt. Mr. Depew wants to come to the Senate badly enough, but he won't come this time anyhow."

"I don't think he will," said Halford. "As long as the Baines law is on the statute books and championed, as it is now, by the Republicans no member of that party can expect any favor from the people. I would really be little surprised to see the election of a Democrat given very fair odds on New York City reaping the biggest Democratic majority she ever polled."

"There are times when there is so much grotesqueness and humor in an accident that it is impossible not to smile at it, even in the face of the fact that it may prove serious or even fatal to the person or persons connected with it."

Such an instance occurred last evening, when a young lady, her escort and a small dog came running up the stairs near Fifth street, to catch a Georgetown car. The conductor was not looking, and when they got within about five feet of the rear end of the last car the train started. The young lady hastily concluded that she could make it, and her escort helped her. The street was wet and slippery, and she made the electric chair may act as a deterrent upon the minds of persons criminally inclined.

Better than all else, however, it would be if society would cease placing itself upon a level with the thing, and practicing the venality under the forms and by virtue of the law. "Thou shalt not kill" is a commandment as addressed to and binding upon society no less than the individual, no matter how much, by law and tradition, it seeks to absolve itself from its operation.

The conductor saw her and rang the bell to stop, but the car had started on the curve, and it was too late for the gripman to gain control over it. The coast started, and the young lady, who was fastened to the car by the hand, was dragged along the track, and when she was released she was found lying on the ground, her head broken, and her body mangled.

In the hope of regaining his own footing, he lunged to the waist of the girl, and was dragged after her. At this point the dog entered into the spirit of the occasion, and, with a canine-like impression that the young lady was a victim, he fastened his teeth in the bottom of the escort's trousers and followed in the wake.

When the car was within a few feet of stopping the young lady held gave way, the conductor could not bear the weight of a man, woman and dog, and the last trio fell over the side of the car. The young lady was killed, and the dog was killed, and the escort was injured.

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DEVIL TOLD HIM TO MURDER

Seventeen-Year-Old John Emith Confesses an Awful Crime.

He Had Killed Husband, Wife, Two Daughters and a Hired Man and Cut Up the Bodies.

Akron, Ohio, April 10.—Particulars of the confession given by Detective Moran and Dredge of Cleveland from the murderer of Mr. and Mrs. ALVIN STONE have been obtained.

At 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon the detectives confronted Smith with the evidence they had gathered against him.

"John Smith," said the Lord to have you tell us about the crime," suddenly exclaimed Moran.

Smith's jaw dropped, his cheeks blanched and his face began to twitch. Then came forth the acknowledgment.

"I went to bed at 8 o'clock on the night the Stones were murdered, and after I had had a little while the devil got hold of me and told me to go and kill the Stone family. I got up and dressed and went down stairs. I took an old pair of pants, and tearing two holes in them for my eyes, made a mask that covered my face and hung down below my knees."

"Then I took the baseball bat that was in the woodshed and started for the Stone house. I got to the house, and taking the stairs from the barn, slipped in against the house and climbed up and looked into the room, where Flora and Lottie were in bed. They were both asleep. I looked through the window a moment, and then went down the ladder and walked around the back door. Through this I entered the room, where Mrs. Stone was sleeping. I hit the old man on the head twice with the bat, then I hit Mrs. Stone. When they were knocked I went up to Ira Stillson's room and knocked him on the head."

"Then I took Stillson's jackknife from his pocket and went back to the old people's room. I cut them up because the devil urged me to do it. Then I went back upstairs and knocked Emma and Hattie in the head. I did not try to kill Flora, but I don't know why I did not do it, unless it was because I loved her."

"John Smith is the assumed name of a seventeen-year-old Slav boy. His real name is Romulus Cottell. He acknowledges that he has always been addicted to bestial practices, and many think him a maniac, whose passion culminated in a desire for blood."

Mr. Lipscomb said Mr. Leonard is another good man. They are Messrs. Lipscomb and Turner, attorneys for Frederick Nelson and Frank Lewis, the alleged "knock-out drops" men, now awaiting in jail the action of the grand jury, appeared before District Attorney Birney shortly before noon today, and asked his consent for Mrs. Nelson to visit her husband in jail. It was given.

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WIFE'S FALL FROM HONOR

Mrs. Millard Ryon Deserts Husband and Little Children.